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SUBJECT: OPEN-HEART SURGERY

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1. NIH ACCEPTS LIMITED NUMBER OF NON-AMERICANS FOR OPEN-HEART SURGERY. PATIENTS MUST BE CHILDREN OR YOUNG ADULTS WITH CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE WHICH FITS INTO SCOPE OF A STUDY PROJECT. HOSPITAL CARE IS FREE OF CHARGE.

2. TO APPLY FOR CONSIDERATION, PATIENT MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETE MEDICAL STUDY FROM LOCAL DOCTOR TO DR. EPSTEIN, NIH, BUILDING 10, ROOM 7B-15, ROCKVILLE PIKE, BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20014. IF CASE FITS SCOPE OF A STUDY PROJECT, PATIENT WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR EXAMINATION.

3. PATIENT MUST ARRANGE AND PAY FOR OWN TRANSPORTATION. IN ADDITION, PATIENT MUST PAY FULL COSTS FOR ANY ACCOMPANYING PARENT OR GUARDIAN. NIH HAS A SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY WHICH HELPS HOUSE ACCOMPANYING PERSONS AT A REASON-
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ABLE RATE, BUT AVERAGE COST IS ABOUT \$100 PER WEEK.

4. DEPARTMENT NOT SUCCESSFUL IN LOCATING ANY AGENCY WHICH

ASSISTS NON-AMERICANS WITH THESE EXPENSES. THE ONLY SUGGESTION WE HAVE FOR POSSIBLE FINANCING WOULD BE THROUGH

SOME CHURCH AFFILIATION.

5. IF PATIENT COMES TO US, ONE WEEK WILL BE FOR INITIAL EXAMINATION. IF THERE IS NO OPERATION, HE WILL RETURN AT THAT TIME. IF THERE IS AN OPERATION, STAY WILL BE 4-5 WEEKS. HIS EMBASSY SHOULD BE CONTACTED BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL TO ARRANGE FOR TRANSLATING SERVICES AT THE HOSPITAL.
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